

MEDIA RELEASE

Council calls for expressions of interest for Caravan Park

The Buloke Shire Council is calling for Expressions of Interest (EOI) to lease the Donald Caravan Park.

Mr Anthony Judd, Council's Director Works and Technical Services said that Council has been working diligently over the last 12 months to investigate future options and opportunities for the development and management of the Donald Caravan Park, following the conclusion of the current lease at 31 December 2015.

"After exercising all possible extensions to the existing lease, Council has resolved to seek expressions of interest for a long-term lease of the Caravan Park," Mr Judd said.

The Donald Caravan Park is located on Crown Land and use of the land is overseen by the Council as the Committee of Management. The Park is currently leased in accordance with the *Act*.

"Council were seeking a process that would enable private capital investment into the Park and professional management through a procurement process for its long-term lease. Council does not have the financial capacity to develop a high quality Park, nor the specialist management and marketing expertise," Mr Judd said.

"The EOI seeks to conserve and maintain the unique natural environment of the Park within and provide a modern range of accommodation and facilities for campers and caravanners."

"Council believe this procurement process presents a unique opportunity for suitable proponents to further develop and operate this well positioned Park with lake and highway frontage," said Mr Judd.

To obtain a copy of this EOI document, visit <u>www.buloke.vic.gov.au</u> and click on Tenders, found in the Quicklinks.

Expressions of Interest close at 2.00 pm on Thursday, 5 November, 2014.

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